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NEWSLETTER



Week 11 Newsletter – Term 2, 2026

Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Community,

With this newsletter being the last of the term, I want to use this opportunity to acknowledge our staff and students' enduring commitment to their Personal Best in every aspect of learning and being a member of our school community.

Furthermore, this acknowledgement must include every one of our students and their commitment to their progression and achievement over the semester. This is reflected in the grades they have received and the comments I have read when reviewing the Semester 1 formal reports. To the staff, I am constantly impressed with your energy levels and commitment to your students and the programming you develop in maximising learning to the very last of day of term is outstanding.

NAIDOC Day – Combined Schools Community event – last Wednesday, 24 June, all of our students and staff attended a combined schools NAIDOC where all schools in the Esperance region came together to celebrate NAIDOC. The event was well supported once again this year by the following local groups – Tjaljraak, Esperance Library Services and Escare, Dabungool, Follow the Dream, ESHS Stars Program, Department of Communities, Wongutha CAPS, Parks and Wildlife, Mudjar, Shire of Esperance, Clontarf, Bega and Kyza.

This event would not have been possible without the very kind and generous donations of the following organisations:

- CBH Group
- CPC Engineering
- QUBE
- Shire of Esperance Community Grants
- Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport
- Woolworths





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Students attended the event in three separate sessions across the day. Each session included four rotations around activities that were set up on the Esperance Indoor Sports centre. Each session commenced with a Welcome to Country from Auntie Annie Dabb and an official opening from myself. The event was very well organised with exceptional planning from Miss Lance, Jonty Scoble, Karri Wooldridge and Anna Bonney who liaised for three months with all community groups in making the day possible. We are confident that this event is now embedded as an annual occasion and provide students with a rich and diverse sequence of culturally relative learning as all schools walk on their journey towards being culturally responsive, which is a Department of Education priority.

A very special mention must go to Shire of Esperance for their amazing support of this event from the venue hire and full use of all facilities. The work of Mr Shane Tobin, Mrs Jill Reynolds and Mr Alex Barratt was nothing short of superhuman on the day!

Woolworths have also yet again contributed on a massive scale by donating all sausages and bread for the sausage sizzle and supplying fruit for students as well as a roster of staff to man their station – simply wonderful Woolworths, your generosity at these community events shines through!





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Some comments made about the day :

**A fabulous day and all ran very smoothly... a credit to you all for all your incredible efforts and a fantastic outcome!*

**How amazing to be a part of NAIDOC this year, the organisation, activities, knowledge and helpers were all on point. The band, music and food were so good. Well done to all involved in the setting up of such a wonderful event.*

Some student reflections from TCI below:

**Cambell Year 5*

Yesterday was a fun, exciting and joyful day! I really enjoyed learning about the animal tracks and the good food they had there. My favourite parts were the band and the sausages! It was great music and we got to dance with our mates!

**Joe Year 4*

I think that was one of my best NAIDOC weeks! Thank you, Miss Lance and Mr Palmer, for running the NAIDOC Week activities and organising the band. They had great music and I would like to go and see them again! My favourite part was learning about the animals and their tracks, what they eat and their pool!

**Evan Year 4*

Yesterday was very fun- the fishing was great because it was informative and was 'real' like. The sausages were very yummy and filling. The library was also pretty interesting, and the animal tracks were fascinating! The part where they played music was spectacular and very good to dance to!





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Staffing Changes for Term 3 – there are several staffing changes for the commencement of Term 3 that I would like to bring to your attention. They are as follows:

Miss Alicia Wise – we are going to miss Alicia immensely after the wonderfully positive outlook to life she possesses and the very specific skill set, she has with her knowledge of Auslan. I wish her well for the road ahead and a new adventure, new town and new people. In her place we will see the return of Miss Elliott Lynch who worked in the role when Alicia took leave in Vietnam earlier this term. Miss Lynch loved her time with us at the school and I know she will transition well to the school in Term 3.

Mrs. Kiara South has decided to reduce her work time at EPS and will no longer work Fridays in LB3 after deciding to take the time to focus on consolidating time with her family. Mrs. South will continue in BH2 each Wednesday, and at this stage I have not confirmed who will take on this role for Term 3 in LB3.

Mrs. Peta Spence – will return to EPS in her role as a SNEA and will work across two hubs over her four days a week. Mrs. Spence will work in Twilight Cove for two days a week and in Blue Haven.

Tournament of the Minds (TOM) students for 2026 – over the past term Mr Karl Gurney has been building towards the selection of the Tournament of the Mind teams through a Critical and Creative program. This program has allowed students to engage in various activities that allows them to explore their creative minds, work collaboratively with their peers and solve real world problems. After a rigorous selection process, the following students have been chosen to represent Esperance PS in two teams of seven students.

Year 6 team – Hugo Sinnot, Finn Smith, Amilee Cooper, Veronica Edgar, Tsherub Rabgyel, Annabel Gray and William Turner.

Year 5 team – Deni Marshman, Hayley Ditton, Elsie Lee, Natia Bednall, Bo Scallan, Vance Seinor and Elise Palmer

I am confident with further guidance from Mr Gurney and Mr Rule, and a strong sense of commitment from all students, they will be highly successful in the TOM Regional Finals to be held in Esperance at the end of week 6 of Term 3.

**Former EPS Students
with their 2023 TOM
Trophy**



From the TOM Website : Well done Esperance Primary School 🎉
🌟 – two Tournament of Minds teams through to the International Finals in Melbourne 🙌 representing not only Esperance but Western Australia – now the BIG task of getting you there begins – we are looking forward to seeing you all shine on stage.



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Reminder - Parent / Teacher Interviews - After the success of the Term 1 interviews where teachers provided a summary to families over their child's start in the year and collaboratively with parents set some goals for the year ahead, I have decided that we will have a similar approach to the Term 3 interviews. I have decided on the date of Friday 7 August - end of week 3 of Term 3.

Justification for the early Term 3 date is based on the following:

- All schools are expected to tie one parent / teacher interview to reporting to parents with the intent to improve communication with parents close to reports being distributed.
- This date allows time for you as parents to properly 'digest' their child's report and reflect on what to bring to the interviews in the form of questions and goals for the year.
- Week 3 allows a collaborative process for parents and teachers to set goals for the remaining 17 weeks of the school year for each student.
- The reduced number of characters in the report comments may restrict teachers from providing wholistic feedback on all aspects of a student's achievement and progress - having an interview will allow an opportunity for teachers to provide further feedback on each student.

I believe that this is a sound decision that maximises our opportunities to communicate progress and achievement with our community as well as meeting the intent of the recent changes that allow schools to close on two days per annum for the purpose of parent / teacher interviews. I hope that this does not cause too much disruption to your family and please contact the office should you require more information on the interviews.

School Development Day (SDD) Term 3. As per the information from last year and endorsed by our School Board the Term 3 SDD will be held on Monday 24 August. All staff will work on the development of our new Business Plan.

A heads up that the SDD for Term 4 will be Friday, 23 October (end of Week 2), the Annual Esperance and Districts Agricultural Show Day, and this also coincides with other town schools using this day as their SDD.

Reports heading home - your child's Semester 1 formal report will be emailed on Wednesday 1 July. Hard copies of the reports can be obtained from the office upon request. Please take the time to read the report with your child/ren carefully over the holidays, and as always focus on the comments made by teachers and the goals that they set for your child for Semester 2 as a springboard for their continued growth.

Lastly, if you have already left for the holiday break and are planning to at the end of the week, please travel safely on the road and enjoy some magical times with your family. To everyone, enjoy the down time over the holidays with the family, and I look forward to seeing you all for the commencement of Term 3 on Monday 20 July.

**Warm Regards,
Gareth Palmer**



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Garden Club Update

Our Garden Club has turned one!

It's been a year since we started, and I can't help but admire the amazing growth this project has brought. With the continuous support of Ms Lewington and Mr Palmer, we've come a long way.

We had a huge harvest of summer tomatoes, growing two modern heirloom varieties developed by an Australian gardener as part of the international collaboration known as The Dwarf Tomato Project. We harvested them, ate them, collected seeds, and are now preparing to share those seeds with the Esperance community.

Our cucumber harvest lasted from February all the way to June, which is almost unheard of! We learned different ways of supporting vines and how to choose the best-tasting cucumbers. (We did eat every one of them — not a cucumber was wasted!)

We had lots of beans — green, purple and yellow — including some amazing varieties that are hot pink inside. Right now we have peas, kale, lettuce, broad beans, garlic, broccoli, turnips, radishes and four colours of carrots growing in the garden.

We planted flowers to attract beneficial insects and watched them arrive and make a feast of the pests. We enjoyed strawberries in spring, and now, in late autumn and early winter, they're giving us another harvest of huge, sweet berries.

We've been collecting seeds, packing them, and dropping them off at the Esperance Public Library Seed Exchange. It's exciting to know that plants grown in our garden will find a new home in gardens across the community.

We dig, plant, harvest, laugh, eat and exchange stories.

I can't help but admire how attentive, respectful, eager to learn and willing to participate the kids are. All our permanent members are now ready to start their own veggie patch at home.

I'd like to add that Garden Club is for everyone. Any student, teacher or parent/carer who would like to come by is welcome. You can come once or every week. You can watch and wander around, plant something, or ask questions. If you're keen to start your own veggie patch at home but don't know where to begin, we're here to help!

To our amazing teachers: we currently have an abundance of coriander and curly-leaf parsley ready to be harvested. Please come and cut some for your dinner — we're planting more!

We're in the garden every Friday morning from 8:00-8:45am, or at the same time on Thursday if rain is forecast for Friday.

If you'd like to help, we gratefully accept donations of mulch and manure.

Julia Joyce





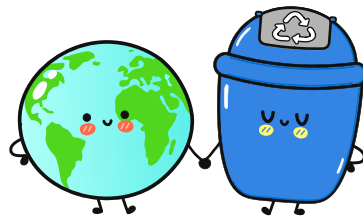
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Kicking off our Twilight Cove 4 Talk for Reading Unit with 'One Plastic Bag' by Isatou Ceesay: we picked up litter, explored its impact, and compared life in Africa to ours. Small actions, big change!



#TalkForReading

#RecyclingHeroes





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Mindful May at EPS

Throughout May, the Wellness Warriors hosted some mindful colouring sessions in the library. Our goal was to promote connection and mindfulness and it was amazing to see so many students there.

We ran a seahorse colouring in competition for all ages.

We would like to congratulate Ivy (Y1) Naia (Y1) Molly (Y4) and Hayley (Y5) as the winners!





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Shaping the future

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child will be **4 years old** by **30 June 2027**, enrol them in Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or community kindergarten to apply.
Apply to enrol before 24 July 2026.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrol



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Our Teens & Adults Classes

Monday 6pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 6pm - 8pm

Our kids Classes

Monday 8y - up
4.30pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 8y - up
5.15pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday 8y - up
4.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 5y - 7y
4pm - 4.45pm



School enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child is starting **Kindergarten**, **Pre-primary**, **Year 7** or **changing schools** you will need to apply to enrol by 24 July 2026.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrol





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HELP OUR LITTLE LEARNERS

Do you have spare,
small school uniforms at home?

Our Early Childhood (ECE) area is building
a collection of spare uniforms for little accidents,
messy play, and busy learning days 🍌

What we're looking for:

- ✔ Small-sized school uniforms
- ✔ Shirts and shorts
- ✔ Clean and in good condition



How you can help:

- ✔ Simply send any spare items to the ECE area.
- ✔ Every uniform makes a big difference to a small student 😊

Thank you for supporting our ECE community!



TERM 3 PLANNER - 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	20 July First Day of Term 3	21	22	23	24
2	27	28	29	30	31 July TC4 Assembly 2pm YR 6 Have a go Day (TBC)
3	3 August Board Meeting	4	5	6	7 Parent Teacher Meetings (Students do not attend School today)
4	10 P & C Meeting	11	12	13	14 LB3 Assembly 2pm
5	17 Book Fair 	18	19	20	21
6	24 SDD (Students do not attend school today)	25	26	27	28 BH4 Assembly 2pm
7	31 Year 4 - 6 In term Swimming Lessons  Board Meeting	1 September	2	3	4
8	7 Year 4 - 6 In term Swimming Lessons  P & C Meeting	8	9	10 	11 LB1 Assembly 9am Ear Bus Visit
9	14	15	16	17 Learning Journey	18
10	21	22	23	24	25

HONOUR CARDS

CLASS	HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS 29 May 2026		
Dolphin Cove 1	Isla Toop	Elwood Bowen	
Dolphin Cove 2	Jarvis Johnston	Elliot West	
Dolphin Cove 3	Amilee Cooper	Vivienne Graham	
Dolphin Cove 4	Emma Royle		
Twilight Cove 2	Alice Coles	Bexley Dunn	
Twilight Cove 1			
Twilight Cove 3	Zion Holmes		
Twilight Cove 4	Harlow Malone	Lola Castelli	
Lucky Bay 4	Cash Lawrence	Noah Little	
Lucky Bay 3	William MacDonald	Charlie Maher	
Lucky Bay 2			
Lucky Bay 1	Laurita Holland	Talia Muzhanje	
Blue Haven 4	Penny Sime	Gracie Ryan	
Blue Haven 3	Edward Jacobs	William Polmear	
Blue Haven 1	Rhys Hall	Matilda Lenane	
Blue Haven 2			
Blue Haven 5			

HONOUR CARDS and TRIBES CERTIFICATES

CLASS	HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS 12 June 2026		Appreciation/No Put Downs: TRIBES Winners
Dolphin Cove 1	Kaleb Gowans	Nate Wohling	Riley Howell
Dolphin Cove 2	Mitch Major	Emma Chittick	Annabelle Gray
Dolphin Cove 3	Owen Evans	Nina Hahnel	Indiana Dix
Dolphin Cove 4	Caleb Hughes	Owen Summers	London Gale
Twilight Cove 2	Rosie Stubna	Vance Seinor	Baxter Richardson
Twilight Cove 1	Johannes Sanders	Ivy Gribble	
Twilight Cove 3	Bodhi Connell	William Dilley	Oliver Warren
Twilight Cove 4	Remi Forsyth	James Cortellino	Devon Wright
Lucky Bay 4	Indigo Warren	Tye Oversby	Eden Barrett
Lucky Bay 3	Eben Janse van Rensburg	Patrick Stubna	Harold Holland
Lucky Bay 2	Liam Summers	Remi Maguire	Bay Scallan
Lucky Bay 1	Beth Pitman	Roczen Sanders	Sophie Kokich
Blue Haven 4	Lorenzo Wolfenden	Lachlan Gray	Bonnie Norwood
Blue Haven 3	Hugo Gettings	Archie Reed	Beth Sanford
Blue Haven 1	George Calley	Levi Grant	Lucy Willumsen
Blue Haven 2	Annabelle Goodes	Darragh Peirce	Hamish Ratcliff
Blue Haven 5	Leo Holman-Holmes	Evie Dix	Fiia Freeman

HONOUR CARDS

CLASS	HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS		26 June 2026
Dolphin Cove 1	Dillan Daniels	Maggie O'Neill	
Dolphin Cove 2	Nina Starcevich	Lenny Valente	
Dolphin Cove 3	Callum Molloy	Max Rogers	
Dolphin Cove 4	Heidi Willumson	Taylor Drew	
Twilight Cove 2	Ashton Pitman	Bo Scallan	
Twilight Cove 1	Eli Beattie	Tiger Stewart	
Twilight Cove 3	Arlo Sharpe	Charley Hood	
Twilight Cove 4	Millie Starcevich	Cooper Child	
Lucky Bay 4	Shay Hart	Eden Barrett	
Lucky Bay 3	Lincoln Morcombe	Mia Starcevich	
Lucky Bay 2	Lucy Andrei		
Lucky Bay 1	Beth Pitman	Noah Harvey	Sophie Robinson
Blue Haven 4	Penny Sime	Oscar Cartledge	Elliott Stanley
Blue Haven 3	Moana Johnson	Felix Bell	
Blue Haven 1	Roy Harvey	Riley Bourne	
Blue Haven 2	Jillian Spencer	Eden Ederle	
Blue Haven 5	Scarlett Stevens	Joshua Taylor	

PARKING MAP

**Concerns of Parent/Carers
dropping and picking up students**
*Please assist us to keep all students safe
while entering and exiting the school.*



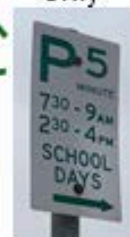
Parking available
**Civic Centre Carpark
**Bottom of the stairs
Carpark
**PP and Kindy only
Carpark

No Parking
Stubbing/Windich
Street verge and
private driveways.

PARKING
of cars
here is
NOT
permitted
This is a
loading
zone only

Some
parking is
available
behind the
movie
theatre

5 Minute
Parking Bays
only



**Parking
available
on
Coleman
Street.**

*Please plan
with your
children
where you
will drop off
and collect
them each
day*

**EPS Staff
Carpark Only**

No Parking Car's parking on verge
and footpath restricting vision of cars
travelling from Mungan/ Windich/
William/ Corry Street roundabout.

Parents/Carers are encouraged to
stay in their cars for Pick-ups and
Drop offs for the Stubbing/Windich
Street 5P Bays. (5 Minutes only)
**These are not 'park' and 'leave' car
bays.**



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WELCOME TO THE ESPERANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

WHAT DO WE DO?

A P&C (Parents and Citizens) Association is a group of parents, carers, school staff, and community members who collaborate to support their school.

Our goals are to **foster strong relationships** between the school and the community; to **help provide resources** for the school; and to **promote interest** in educational matters.

In action, this looks like:

- **Support the School:** Provide financial assistance for resources, infrastructure improvements, and extracurricular activities.
- **Advocates for Students and Families:** Serve as a voice for parents on school policies and initiatives.
 - Operate the **Canteen**.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

As a parent or carer, you can support your P&C by:

- **Participate:** Attend meetings and contribute your ideas
- **Volunteer:** Help at events or in the canteen
- **Engage:** Provide feedback on school policies and programs
- **Support:** Assist in fundraising efforts that benefit the school community

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Meetings are twice a term on the
Monday of Week 4 and Week 8
from 6-7pm.
Attend in person or online.

CONTACT US AT
ESPERANCEPANDC@GMAIL.COM



This Term at Esperance SHS

Term 2 has been action packed so far at ESHS, we've had so much going on we couldn't fit it all in, but here's some favourites!

We've had activities in and out of the classroom, ranging from hands-on learning in Science and our Careers Tasters to fun celebrations like French Week and our School Ball. We also visited Perth for Careers Camp to see what future jobs are possible. There are still a few more weeks to go, with the much anticipated Country Week soon...



2027 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING **YEAR 7** NEXT YEAR?
ENROL AT **ESPERANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

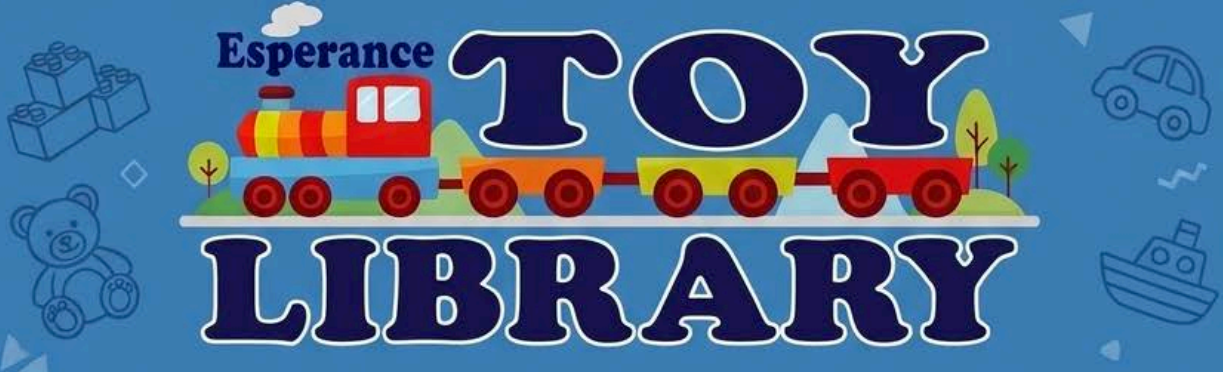


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